

Alfred Dunk House  
4 Pine St.  
Binghamton  
Broome County  
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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Location: 4 Pine Street, Binghamton, New York

Present Owner: Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brinker

Present Occupant: Mr. and Mrs. Brinker

Present Use: Antique shop and residence

Brief Statement of Significance: One of the few remaining examples of carpenter Gothic architecture in the Binghamton area.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Date of erection: c. 1850.
2. Architect: Unknown.
3. Original and subsequent owners:
  - pre - 1850 - Owned by Oliver Crocker of Union, New York.
  - 1850 - Property sold by James White of Conklin, N.Y. and Mr. McKinney of Great Bend, Pa. to Martin Stone of Binghamton.
  - 1852 - Martin Stone sold lot to Russel Taylor. Recorded Book of Deeds 38, p. 6.
  - 1855 - Russel Taylor sold house and lot to Alfred Dunk. Book of Deeds 43, p. 295.
  - 1895 - Alfred Dunk died. Property transferred to wife Eliza. (Recorded Book of Wills 27, p. 415-2-7-99 and Book of Deeds 174, p. 368.)
  - 1907 - Eliza Dunk died and willed the property to her daughter Mary Dunk. Book of Wills 39, p. 85, Book of Deeds 207, p. 452.
  - 1930 - Mary Dunk died and willed the life time use of the property to Sarah Frances Stoutenburg. Book of Wills 75, p. 197. The property was then bequeathed one-half to the Home for Aged Women on Fairview Avenue and one-half to the Susquehanna Nursing Home.

- 1939 - The Home for Aged Women and the Susquehanna Nursing Home sold the property to Jessie A. Van Leet, Phyllis E. Van Leet and Samuel W. Van Leet. Recorded August 5, 1939, Book of Deeds.
- 1946 - Samuel W. Van Leet died.
- 1950 - Jessie A. Van Leet died. Phyllis E. Van Leet Brinker acquired the property. Presently owned by Howard S. and Phyllis E. Brinker. (Deed recorded 9-1-50).
4. Original plans, construction, etc.: The house has field stone foundations and is two and one half stories with steeply pitched gable roof of slate. The front and rear elevation is decorated by carved wooden bargeboards with a vine-motif, on the roof gables and the gable of the entrance porch. Brass finials rise from either end of the roof ridgepole and from the outer end of the porch gable ridgepole. The windows and front door have label lintels. The wrought iron fence and fence posts appear to be original. Originally, the exterior walls had board and batten siding. The house originally had nine rooms, including three upstairs bedrooms, plus a kitchen, living room, parlor, dining room and two bedrooms downstairs.
5. Alterations and additions: About 1960, the original battens were removed and the boards were covered by composition shingle siding. On the east side of the house, a brick foundation appears to indicate that the room on this side was enlarged, probably a bed room, and the oldest bathroom was installed. This bathroom has the original enclosed copper tub. In addition to the three bedrooms on the second floor, there is a small walk-in room, probably a utility or linen room. A shed is attached to the rear of the house. This appears to have been built at the same time as the house or shortly thereafter.

B. Historical Events Connected with the Structure: So far as is known, no events of historic significance have taken place in association with this building or property.

C. Sources of Information:

Bibliography:

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## PART II. PROJECT INFORMATION

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